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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6502**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 202

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 27, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Licensure of Genetic Counselors.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires the licensure of genetic counselors.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary-* The Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) would perform the administrative functions of licensing genetic counselors for the Medical Licensing Board. The Board would be able to determine fees and make other rules concerning genetic counselor licensure within the course of normally scheduled business meetings.

**Background-** If an additional staff person were needed to process license applications, the additional cost of new staff would increase state expenditures. The estimated state expenditures would be approximately \$39,252 in FY 2009. The bill does not make an appropriation to cover these expenditures.

The PLA currently provides staff for 39 professional boards and commissions. As of July 2, 2007, the PLA had five vacancies worth \$120,900 in salary. The PLA did not revert funds to the state General Fund at the close of FY 2007.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Summary-* Money collected from genetic counselor licensing fees would be deposited in the state General Fund. The Board would determine the fees.

If the Board set the license fee at \$100, which is the same or similar to the fees charged to acupuncturists, health facility administrators, hypnotists, physician assistants, and speech and language pathologists, the amount of revenue generated in the first year of implementation could be \$3,300. The fee estimate is based

on 33 genetic counselors applying in the first year.

*Background-* The Indiana Network of Genetic Counselors reports that there are about 33 genetic counselors practicing in Indiana. The National Society of Genetic Counselors and the American Board of Genetic Counseling report national memberships of approximately 2,300 and 2,000, respectively.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Professional Licensing Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Indiana Network of Genetic Counselors; American Board of Genetic Counseling; National Society of Genetic Counselors; FY 2007 Close-Out General Fund Reversion Summary; State of Indiana Detail Staffing Report 7/2/2007.

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